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**Mail Stop Patent Application  
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P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450**

New U.S. Patent Application  
Title: SLIDING PIPE PLUG  
Inventor: R.J. HARRIS

Sir:

We enclose the following papers for filing in the United States Patent and Trademark Office in connection with the above patent application.

1. Application: 27 pages, including one title page (unnumbered), specification (20 pages, pages 2-21), claims (5 pages, pages 22-26), and one Abstract page (page 27);  
7 independent claims and 37 claims total.
2. Drawings: 16 sheets of drawings (Figures 1A to 11).
3. Request for Non-Publication of Application

The filing fee is calculated as follows:

Basic Application Filing Fee					\$750	\$ 750.00
	Number of Claims		Basic	Extra Claims		
Total Claims	37	-	20	17	x \$18	306.00
Independent Claims	7	-	3	4	x \$84	336.00
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TOTAL APPLICATION FILING FEE						\$ 696.00

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This application will be completed in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(f) upon receiving a Notice to File Missing Parts of Application.

Please accord this application an application number and filing date.

Respectfully submitted,

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**REQUEST FOR NON-PUBLICATION OF APPLICATION AND  
CERTIFICATION UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 122(b)(2)(B)(i)**

As an authorized agent of the above-identified applicant, the undersigned attorney hereby certifies that the invention disclosed in the attached application has not and will not be the subject of an application filed in another country, or under a multilateral agreement, that requires publication at eighteen months after filing. I hereby request that the attached application not be published under 35 U.S.C. § 122(b).

I further understand that this non-publication request may be rescinded at any time and if so, the application will be scheduled for publication at eighteen months from the earliest claimed filing date for which a benefit is claimed.

I further understand that if applicant subsequently files an application directed to the invention disclosed in the attached application in another country, or under a multilateral

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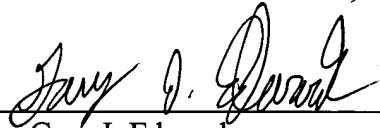
international agreement, that requires publication of applications eighteen months after filing, the United States Patent and Trademark Office must be notified of such filing within forty-five (45) days after the date of the filing of such foreign or international application. I also understand that failure by applicant to so notify the Patent and Trademark Office will result in abandonment of this application.

Respectfully submitted,

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